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1.REFTEL A REPORTS ON A DECLARATION ISSUED BY 175 PROMINENT PERUVIAN LEFTISTS IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE INDEPENDENCE OF PUERTO RICO HELD IN MEXICO CITY ON NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 2. REFTEL B, WHICH REPORTS ON THE RESULTS OF THIS CONFERENCE, IS BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR BACKGROUND.
2. THE PERUVIAN DECLARATION CONTAINS MISLEADING AND INACCURATE STATEMENTS REGARDING THE SITUATION IN PUERTO RICO. IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING TO COUNTER SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS

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CITED IN REFTEL A.
--U.S. POLICY IS BASED ON COMPLETE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE.
--PRESIDENT CARTER'S JULY 25, 1978 PROCLAMATION TO THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO EXPRESSES THE ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT FOR WHATEVER STATUS--STATEHOOD, INDEPENDENCE, COMMONWEALTH STATUS, OR A MUTUALLY AGREED MODIFICATION OF THAT STATUS--THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE MIGHT CHOOSE TO ADOPT, FREELY AND DEMOCRATICALLY.
--CONGRESS REAFFIRMED THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION IN A JOINT RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN AUGUST 1979.
--IT IS FOR THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES TO DECIDE WHATEVER FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS THEY MAY DESIRE. BY INSISTING ON INDEPENDENCE THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION ARE IN EFFECT TRYING DICTATE PUERTO RICO'S POLITICAL FUTURE FOR THE PUERTO RICANS.
--GOVERNOR ROMERO OF PUERTO RICO (NOT THE U.S. FEDERAL

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GOVERNMENT) HAS CALLED FOR A STATUS REFERENDUM TO BE HELD AFTER THE 1980 ELECTIONS; SUCH A REFERENDUM IS CONSISTENT WITH THE RIGHT OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION. CHRISTOPHER

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